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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The following amendment and remarks are made in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2002. Applicants submit that no extension-of-time, or related fee, is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 14, lines 13-21, please replace the existing paragraph with the following paragraph.

a) As stated hereinabove, according to one embodiment, the seal fill material has a durometer value of less than about ten on the Shore or Type OOO scale. Such low durometer values on this scale can be measured using apparatus and test methodology generally in accordance with Type A, B, C, D, DO, O, OO durometer test method of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Designation D 2240-97<sup>e1</sup>: Standard Test Method for Rubber Property – Durometer Hardness, approved February 10, 1997, and revised editorially in February 1999. As is known by those skilled in the art of testing the durometer of ultrasoft gels and sponge rubber on the Shore OOO scale, a 0.5 inch hemispherical end indenter shape is used in combination with a 113 gram-force main spring.